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Mr. Ryan Palmer and Ms. Elizabeth Drogula
Wireline Competition Bureau
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: In the Matter of Rural Health Care Universal Service Support Mechanism,
WC Docket No. 02-06 and WC Docket No. 17-310, Analysis of Rural Health Care Program Data

Dear Mr. Palmer and Ms. Drogula:

As the Wireline Competition Bureau (WCB) conducts its analysis of the Rural Health Care (RHC) Program and considers its Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) on the RHC Program (FCC 17-164), WCB has requested multiple pieces of data from the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC). In accordance with WCB's request, USAC hereby provides non-confidential analysis of RHC Program (including both the Healthcare Connect Fund (HCF) and Telecommunications (Telecom) Program) gross demand in the attached Appendix A.

I would be happy to answer any questions you may have regarding this information.

Sincerely,

//s// Mark Sweeney

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USAC

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Appendix A – RHC Program Data

1. Gross Demand by Program for FY2012 to FY2018

(Data as of March 2019)

